Away From You. spent a day away from you—
A pennance in a lonely place;
I said: "I will forget her face,
he mouth's rose red, the eyes' bold blue; I will forget a little space '

Ah me! Love grants no holiday!
I sought my lonesome hold, and there
Your happy laughter filled the air
Your footsteps followed in the way,
The sunlight tangled in your hair.

You whisper thrilled my heart anew; I saw your eyes—I watched your smile. Oh, mockery of mile and mile!

spent a day away from you
And you were with me all the while.

Theodosia Garrison in Harper's Bazar

THE TALMAGE SERMON.

The Noted Divine Preaches on Stock Gambling.

In this discourse Dr. Falmage arraigns the spirit of wild speculation and gives some account of the financial ruin of other days: Proverbs xxii1, 5, "Riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.'

Money is a golden broasted bird with silver beak. It alights on the office desk or on the parlor center table. Men and women stand and acmire it. They do not notice that it has wings larger than a raven's, lar ger than a flamingo's, larger than an eagle's One wave of the hand of misfortune and it spreads its beautiful plumage and is gone—
"as an eagle toward heaven," my text says,
though sometimes I think it goes in the

other direction.

What a verification we have had of the flying capacity of riches in Wall street! And Wall street is one of the longest streets in the world. It does not begin at the foot of Trinity church, New York, and end at the East river, as many suppose. It reaches through all our American cities and across the sea. Encouraged by the revival of trade and by the fact that Wall street disasters of other years were as for least each of the control of the c other years were so far back as to be forgot ten, speculators run up the stocks from point to point until innocent people on the outside suppose that the stocks would always continue to ascend. They gather in from all parts of the country. Large sums of money are taken into Wall street and small sums oney. The crash comes, thank God, in time to warn off a great many who were on their way thither, for the sadness of the thing is that a great many of the young men of our cities who save a little money for the purpose of starting themselves in business and who have \$500 or \$1,000 or \$2,000 or \$10,000 go into Wall street and lose all. And if there ever was a time for the pul pit to speak out in regard to certain kinds of

nefarious enterprises now is the time.
Stocks rose and fell, and now they begin to rise again, and they will fall again until thousands of young men will be ruined unless the printing press and the pulpit give emphatic utterance. My counsel is to coun-trymen, so far as they may hear of this discourse, if they have surplus to invest it in first mortgages and in moneyed institutions which though paying comparatively small interest, are sound and safe beyond dispute, and to stand clear of the Wall street vortex, where so many have been swamped and swallowed. What a compliment it is to the healthy condition of our country that these recent disasters have in nowise de pressed trade! I thank God that Wall street's capacity to blast this country has gone for Across the island of New York in 1685 a

wall made of stone and earth and cannon mounted was built to keep off the savages Along by that wall a street was laid out, and as the street followed the line of the wall i was appropriately called Wall street. It is narrow, it is unarchitectural, and yet its his-tory is unique. Excepting Lombard street, London, it is the mightiest street on this London, it is the mightiest street on this planet. There the government of the United States was born. There Washington held his levees. There Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Caldwell and other brilliant was and other brilliant was and other brilliant was and George Whitefield sometimes preached. There Dr. Mason chided Alexander Hamilton for writing the constitution of the United States without any God in it There negroes were sold in the slave mart. There criminals were harnessed to wheel-barrows and, like beasts of burden, compelled to draw or were lashed through the street behind carts to which they were fastened. There fortunes have come to coronation or burial since the day when reckless speculators in powdered hair and silver shoe o'clock. The history of Wall street is to a agricultural, mining, literary, artistic, moral and religious history of this country They are the best men in this country and there are the worst. Everything from un swerving integrity to tiptop scoundrelism-everything from heaven born charity to blood less Shylockism. I want to put the plow it at the curbetone of Trinity and drive it clear through to Wall street ferry. And so it shall land Five millions' worth of shares were go if the horses are strong enough to draw put on the market at £300 a share. The

First of all, Wall street stands as a type in this country for tried integrity and the most outrageous villainy. Farmers who have only a few hundred dollars' worth of produce to put on the market have but little to test their character, but put a man into the seven times heated furnace of Wall street excitement and he cither comes out a Shadrach, with hair unsinged, or he is burned into a black moral cinder. No half way work about it. If I wanted to find integrity bombproof, I would go among the bankers and merchants of Wall street, yet becaus there have been such villainies enacted there at different times some men have supposed that it is a great financial debanchery, and they hardly dare go near the street or valk up or down it unless they have buttoned up their last pocket and had their lives insured or religiously crossed themselves. Yet if you start at either end of the street and read the business signs you will find the names of more men of integrity and Christian benevolence than you can find in the same space in any street of any of our cities. When the Christian commission and the sanitary commission wanted money to send medicine and bandages to the wounded, when breadstuffs were wanted for famishing Ireland, when colleges were to be en dowed and churches were to be supported and missionary societies were to be equippefor their work of sending the gospet al around the world, the first street to respond has been Wall street, and the larges sponses in all the land have come from Wall

But while that street is a type of tried integrity on one hand it is also a type of un bounded swindle on the other. There ar the spiders that wait for innocent flies There are the crocodiles that crawl up through the slime to cranch the calf. Ther are the anacondas, with lifted loop, ready to crush the unwary. There are financial wreck ers, who stand on the beach praying for Caribbean whirlwind to sweep over our com mercial interests.

Let me say it is no place for a man to go into business unless his moral principle is thoroughly settled. That is no place for man to go into business who does not know when he is overpaid \$5 by mistake whether he had better take it back again or not. That is no place for a man to go who has large funds in trust and who is all the time tempted to speculate with them. That is no place for a man to go who does not quite know whether the laws of the state forbid usury or patronize it. Oh, how, many men have risked themselves in the vortex and have risked themselves in the gone down for the simple reason their integrity had not been thoroughly established. member poor Ketcham. How soon the flying hoofs of his iron grays clattered with him to his destruction! Remember poor Gay, at 30 years of age astonishing the world with his fortunes and his forgeries. Remember that famous man whose steamboats and whose opera houses could not atone for his adulterous rides through Central park in the face of decent New York and whose behavior on Wall street by its example has blasted tens of thousands of young men of this gen-

I hold up the polluted memory to warn

who are doing legitima's business on that or know that it was in a procession of mone similar streets of which that is a type to stand tary frenzies, some of which have passed and who are doing legitima's business on that or similar streets of which that is a type to stand firm in Christian principle. You are in a great commercial battlefield. Be courageous. There is such a thing as a here of the bank and a here of the Stock Exchange. You be that here. I have not so much admiration for the French empress who stood in her balcony in Paris and addressed an excited moband cuelled it as I have admiration for the standard and quelled it as I have admiration for that venerable banker on Wall street who in 1864 stood on the steps of his moneyed institution and quieted the fears of depositors and bade peace to the angry wave of commercial ex-citement. God did not allow the lions to burt Daniel, and he will not allow the "bears" to hurt you. Remember, my friend, that all these scenes of business will soo have passed away, and by the law of God's eternal right all the affairs of your business life will be adjudicated. Honesty pays best

Again, I have to remark that Wall street is type throughout the country of egitimate peculation on the one hand and of ruinous gambling on the other. Almost every mer chant is to some extent a speculator. He depends not only upon the difference between the wholesale price at which he gets the goods and the retail at which he disposes of them, but also upon the fluctuatica of the markets. If the markets greatly rise, he greatly gains. If the markets greatly sink, he greatly loses. It is as honest to deal in stocks as to deal in iron or coas or hardware or dry goods. He who condemns all stock dealings as though they were iniquitous simply shows his own lignorance. Stop all legitimate speculation in this country and you stop all banks, you stop all factories, you stop all orehouses, you stop all the great financial rosperities of this country. A stock dealer only a commission merchant under another name. He gets his commission on one style of goods. You, the grocer, get your commison on another style of goods. The dollar that he makes is just as bright and fair and honest a dollar as the dollar earned by the day laborer. But here we must draw the line between legitimate speculation and ruinus gambling. You, a stock operator without any property behind you, figancially rrespansible, sell \$10) of nothing and get and for it. You sell 190 shares at \$10,000 at 0 days. If at the end of 30 days you can get

gambling as much as anything that ever goes on in the lowest gambling hell. At certain times almost every prosperous erchant wakes up, and he says: have been successful in my line of trade, and I have a tolerable income. I think I shall go down to Wall street and treble it in three weeks. There's my neighbor. He was in the same line of business. He has his \$300,-000 or \$400,000 from the simple fact that he went into Wall street. I think I shall go too" Here they come, retired merchants who want to get a little excitement in their lethargic veins. Here they come, the trus tees of great property, to fool everything away. Here they come, men celebrated for rudence, to trifle with the livelihoods of idows and orphaus. Do you wonder that metimes they become insane? It is in-mity. Do you known there are hundreds of young men who are perishing under the passion for stock gambling? Do you know

the scrip for \$9,000, you have made a thous-and If at the end of 30 days you have to

pay \$11,000, then you have lost a thousand. Now that is trafficking in fiction; that is bet-

ting on chances; that involves the spirit of

It is not peculiar to mercurial Americans. Oh, no! Almost every nation has indulged in it. The Hollanders, the most phlegmatic people in the world, had their gambling seizure in 1683. It was called the tulip mania. It was a speculation in tulips. Properties worth \$500,000 turned into tulips. All the Hollan t nation either buying or selling tulips One tulip root sold for \$200, another for \$2,000. Excitement rolling on and rolling on until history tells us that one Amsterdam tulip which was supposed to be the only one of the kind in all the world actually brought in the markets \$1,816,000! That is a matter of history. Of course, the crash came, and all Holland went down un-

that in all Christian lands this is one of the

But France must have its gambling ex edition, and that was in 1716. John Law's Mississippi scheme, it was called The French had heard that this American continnent was built out of solid gold, and the project was to take it across the ocean and There Dr. Mason chided Alexandron it in France. Excitement beyond anything the constitution of thing that had yet been seen in the world. from two to three day's ploughing was processed in the state of the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything the second anything that had yet been seen in the world. In the second anything the shares. Excitement so great that sometimes the mounted military had to disperse the crowds that had come to buy the stock. Five hundred temporary tents built to accommodate the people until any could have op-bertunity of interviewing John Law. A lady of great fashion had her coach nan upset her near the place where John Law was passing in order that she might have an leterview buckles dedged Dugan, the governor general in order that she might have an interview of his majesty, clear down to yesterday at 3 with that benevolent and sympathetic gentleman. Stocks went up to 2,050 per cent, uncertain extent the financial, commercial, agricultural, mining. literary, artistic, and down it all went—John Law's Mississippi scheme—burying its projector and some of these latest financiers in all France and was almost as bad as a French revolution. Sedate England took its chance in 1720. hat was the south sea bubble. They pro posed to transfer all the gold of Peru and dexico and the islands of the sea to Eng

> large capital—£5,000,000 of capital—to develop a wheel in perpetual motion Another company with a capital of £4,000,-000 to insure people against loss by servants Another company with \$2,500,000 capital to transplant walnut trees from Virginia to England. Then, to cap the climax, a company was formed for 'a great undertaking, nobody to know what it is.' And, lo, £600,

> Books were opened at 9 o'clock in the morn ing and closed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the first day it was all subscribed. "A creat undertaking noboby to know what But it was left for our own county to sur pass all, about 37 years ago We have the highest mountains and the greatest cata racts and the longest rivers, and of course, we had to have the largest swindle On would have thought that the nation had seen enough in that direction during the morus multicallis excitement, when almost every man had a bunch of crawling silkworms in his house, out of which he expected to make a fortune. But all this excitement was as othing compared with what took place in 1884 when a man near Titusville, Pa. dig ging for a well struck oil. Twelve bundred oil companies call for a billion of stock. rominent members of churches, as soon as certain amount of stock was assigned them

saw it was their privilege to become presi-dents or secretaries or members of the board of direction. Some of these companies never had a foot of ground, never expected to have. Their entire equipment was a map of a region where oil might be and two via s of grease crude and clarified. People rushed down from all parts of the country by the first rain and put their bard earnings in the gulf. A young man came down from the oil region of Pennsylvania utterly demented, having sold his farm at a fabulous price because i ing to a hotel in Philadelphia at the time vas living there throwing down a \$5,000 check to pay for his noonday meal and saying he did not care anything about the hange! Then he stepped back to the gas ourner to light his eigar with a \$1 000 note.

Itterly insane. The good Christian people said, "This ompany must be all right, because Elder o and-so is president of it, and Elder So and-o is secretary of it, and then there are three or four highly respected professing Christians in the board of directors. They did not know that when a professed Christian goes into stock gambling he lies like sin. But alas for the country! It became a tragedy, and a thousand million dollars were swamped. There are families today sitting in the shadow of destitution who but for that great national outrage would have had their cot tages and their homesteads. I hold up be fore the young men these four great stock gambling schemes that they may see to what city court, \$119,000; city magistrates, length men will go smitten of this passion, and I want to show them how all the best general sessions, \$122,000; municipal, interests of society are against it, and God is sgainst it and will condemn it for time and young men whose moral principles are not thoroughly settled to keep out of Wall street. condemn it for eternity. I do not dwell upon thoroughly settled to keep out of Wall street. the frenzied speculations in Wall street last \$60,300; Queens county courts, \$28,000,

hers are to come.

O men of Wall street and of all streets, stand back from nefarious enterprises, join that great company of Christian men who are maintaining their integrity, notwithstanding all the pressure of temptation. In the morning, when you open business in the broker's office or in the banking house, ask God's bleesing, and when you close it pro-God's blessing, and when you close it pro-nounce a benediction upon it. A kind of usiness that men cannot engage in withou prayer is no business for you. I wish that the words of George Peabody, uttered in the hearing of the people of his native town— Danvers, Mass.—I wish that those words could be uttered in the hearing of all the young men throughout the land. He said: Though Providence has granted me un-caried and universal success in the pursuit of fortune in other lands I am still in heart the humble boy who left yonder unpretend-ing dwelling. There is not a youth within the sound of my voice whose early opportuities and advantages are not much greater than were my own, and I have since achieved nothing that is impossible to the most humble boy among you." George Peabody's success in business was not more remarkabl than his integrity and his great hearted benevolence. I pray upon you God's pro-tecting and prospering blessing. I hope you may all make fortunes for time and fortunes for eternity.

Some day when you come out of your place f business and you go to the clearing house or the place of custom or the bank or your own home—as you come out of your place of business just look up at the clock in the tower and see by the movement of the hands how your life is rapidly going away and be reminded of the fact that before God's throne of inexorable ju gment you must yet give account for what you have done since the day you sold the first yard of cloth or the first pound of sugar. I pray for you all prosperity. Stand close by Christ, and Christ, and Shrist will stand close by you. The greater the temptation he more magnificent the re-ward. But alas, for the stock gamblerwhat will he do in the judgmen!? That day will settle everything. That to the stock gambler will be a "break" at the "first call." No smuggling into heaven. No 'collaterals' on which to trade your way in. Go in through Christ the Lord or you will forever stay out. God forbid that after you have ione your last day's work on earth and the hushed assembly s ands around with bowed heads at your obsequies-God forbid that the most appropriate text for your funeral oration should be. "As a partridge sitteth on eggs and hatcheth them not, so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at the end he shall be a fool," or that the most approtriate funeral psalm should be the words of

Price of many a crime untold-Gold, gold, gold, gold,

PESSIMISTIC BUT TRUE.

Mr Bauer's Summary of Crop Conditions for Week Just Ended.

Mr. J. W. Bauer, the weather bureau man, is personaly very clever, but he certainly is pessimistic in his official capacity. But if there should be good weather and flourishing crops all the time, there would be no need for a weather bureau In his regular weekly crop bulletin Mr. Bauer says: The week ending Monday, June 10, was somewhat warmer than the preceding one, but the average temperature con-tinued below the normal. There was a maximum of 93 at Yemassee on the 5th, and a mininum of 55 at Greenville on the 4th. Over the western and northera counties, the nights were much too cool for cotton, and there was a general deficiency of sunshine.

General showers occured on the 3d. and again on the 6.h, and 7.h, light over the greater portion of the State, but heavy in the middle and lower Savannah valley, the southeastern, and portions of the west central counties, where the ground were kept too wet for

fair progress. Cotton is unsually small, lacks cultivation, and somewhat lousy in places while grassy field are the rule. It has its growth is at a standstill, and the plants are turning red or yellow, showing an unhealthy condition, but over the remainder of the State it is grow ing and improving slowly and has a healthy color. Sea islands looks better, but blight is still prevalent.

Corn has begun to tassel and is being laid by in the southeastern sections, where its condition is, however, very There was a large company formed with great capital for providing funerals for all parts of the land. Another company with large capital—£5,000,000 of capital are damaging bettem land corn in the extreme west.

> Late wheat has rusted badly, while early is being harvested with the average result only fair, and not up to expectations. Oats harvest is well advanced, but the rains have damaged ome in the shock. Yields are variable, but averaged fairly good.

Tobacco is extremely poor, and dying from lack of proper cultivation and excessive moisture in Williamsburg county and vicinity, while in the other tobacco districts, it has improved slightly, but is still poor. Worms are umerous in places.

Upland rice is fine, and some river ice also, but in the Georgetown districts frashets have done much damage and prevented a full acreage of June

Melons are a failure in places, and oor generally. Peaches are dropping, and early varieties are rotting. Pastures and gardens have improved. Truck is growing and yielding well. Many correspondents report a sesseity of farm laborers.

Heavy on Carolina. Oil Inspector E. B. Hook, of Augusta, Ga., seized a car of defective oil in that city a few days ago, and sent a sample of it to the State Oil Inspector at Atlanta. After testing the oil the State Oil Inspector wrote the fol-

lowing letter to Mr. Hook: "State of Georgia, Department of Oils, Atlanta, Gs, June 3, 1901 .- Mr. | shut up in a dark log house for six E B. Hook, Augusta, Ga-Dear Sir-The sample oil arrived and was tested by Dr. McCandless in the presence of a espesentative of the Standard Oil Company. You were correct in rejecting it and not allowing them to unload They have agreed to transfer this

tank to Carolina. "Glascock Barrett, " 'State Oil Inspector.' South Carolina being less particular about the quality of oil furnished her citizens this defective oil was promptly shipped into this State.

They Come High.

the judiciary is as follows in New York | and flourished! City: Supreme Court, New York county,\$192,000;surrogate's court, \$169,000; courts, \$380,000; supreme court, Kings It is no place for a man who shivers under the blast of temptation. Let me say also to the s of that financial horror. I only want you to a total of \$1,750,000.

THE OLD VETERANS.

Bill Arp Writes of the Great Gather-

ing of Brave Men Forty years have passed since these oldier boys first shouldered arms and hurried to the front. No such array of patriots were ever seen, for there was not a tory among them nor a foreign hireling, and even the Northern-born citizens of the South volunteered with one accord and cast their lives and property in the common peril of their adopted State. To the class we owe all the wore honor for it was a great heart struggle to sever the that bound them to their kindred and the place of their birth. Forty years have not offseed nor dimmed the memory of those four long years from the minds of the veterans who gathered at the Memphis reunion. As time rolls on they seem the more eager to congregate and commune together; and happily, there are none now to molest or make them afraid.

Happily the seldiers of the blue and

the gray are becoming every year the more considerate of the feelings and principles of each other. The soldiers, I say—those who fought against us—for the bravest are the tenderest. It is the politicians who saw the battle from afar, who still refuse to give us back our flags and are still worrying over the rebel briga liers whom we have sent to Congress. But time is a good doctor, and soft words take away

That was a grand convocation that paraded the streets of Memphis. Hearts beat rapidly and eyes were

While memory lingered o'er the sad review f joys that taded like the morning dew.

That was a beautiful prayer sent up o heaven by our beloved grand chap ain, Rev. J. William Jones, and faith ul bulwark of Confederate history. know that the blue and the gray clasped hands and hearts as he invoked a blessing upon Mr. and Mrs. McKinley and asked for her restoration to health. tell you, my bretheren, there is noth ing small or selfish or mean in the nearts of our great leaders. In war and in peace they have been and are gentlemen. There was not a Nero or a Dake of Alva among them nor a heartess destroyer of the innocent nor a violator of the laws of kindness to wo men and children. Our soldiers fought a good fight, on patriotic principles, and it rejoices us that they have kept the faith and are as true now to the nation as they were then to the principles for which they fought. Those princioles are not dead; and we believe that if this republican government is pre-served from the domination of imperial sm, with which it is threatened, it will be the conservative spirit of the South that will do it. The spirit of constitu-

ional liberty is yet alive with us and

rill be transmitted to our children.

It is high time that the Northern preachers and teachers and editors were learning a salutary lesson from these nuual reunions of the old Confederates. If I had been a Federal soldier and lived up there, it seems to me that would say, "My brethren, those rebels must have been tremendously in earnest There is no let up or abatement in their faith. Forty years has not humbled them one iots. We had better make friends with such a people and divide honors and pensions, too. They have carried an awful load for all these years. They have to pay a good part of the pensions to our soldiers and all of the pensions of their own and a big tax to educate their negroes; and they had to endure the ravages and stealages of the carpet-baggers for years, but they never complain. They fight back and defend their honor, but, like the sons of Alne mok, they never complain. Surely they are a great people. They suffer, and are strong, and when soldiers were wanted for Cuba and the Philippines they came at the first call. Brethren, let's stop all this anti Southern sentiment and make our preachers and editors stop it. There is no good in rubbing an old sore. We don't know what may happen, and we may need those boys to save the country. The old veterans are dying out, but their sons are the same old stock. The South is fast comirg to the front, and is destined to be a great power in the land, and if we keep on aggravating them with abuse, it is possible they may get fighting mad some of these days and get up another civil war and-and-and whip us again, or come pretty near it." That's what I would say if I wasent a fool.

These are slarming times. Wars, fires, floods. Awful calamities on land and on the sea, explosions in mines wrecks on railroads, murders, suicides, robberies, abductions of children, and worse than all, there seems to be no stop to these horrible outrages of brutal regroes. Then there is the insubordination of students in our colleges and the infamy of hazing is still going on. It distressed me to see among those expelied from West Point the names of two Southerners-one from Alabama and one from Texas. sation and disciplnie seem to be divorce Time was when Mr. Benman oasted that he had subdued every big boy in his school—subdued him by the rod. Old man Isham did the same thing, and so did Dr. Patterson thresh school; but now it is the boys who rule the teachers and make demands, and the consequences is our colleges have no discipline and hazing seems to be as popular as ever.

I thought that this hazing business was a modern invention, but in the second volume of "American Literature" I find a letter of John Lawson, a Scotchman, who lived for years among the North Carolina Indians. He is writing to his folks at home 1714 about the customs of those Indians, and says the way they make warriors of their young men is to husquedaw them in early manbood. They are weeks, and kept half starved and made to drink a decoction of pellitory bark, which renders them faving mad. They make the most dismal, hellish cries and howlings ever heard. When given a little meat it is mixed with nasty, loathsome, filthy stuff. After six weeks they come out as poor and miserable as creatures ever become. of them die under this diabolical treatnent, and some young men run away to avoid it. The savages told me that this hardens them to the fatigues of war and kills off the weak and infirm and cowardly who would bring disgrace upon the nation. Husquenawing! That's it that's where hazing started, The present expense in salaries for and West Point is where it matriculated

This insubordination of college boys seems to have crept into our own Southern institutions, and has wellnigh demoralized Oxford and Tuscaloosa. What does it mean? We had nothing like it in our day. We feared our fathers and we feared and respected the faculty. The Tech boys caught the hope this prediction will prove true,

anything else besides play ball, the newspapers don't publish it. Ball seems to be the only textbook in the curricu um. Their accomplishments in that line may be satifactory to the boys and the professors, but the patrons and friends of the institution are surfeited, and would advise a recessa! Ball play is another Indian game in which the savages excelled.

BILL ARP. BILL ARP.

COTTON IS GRASSY.

The Stands are Fair But Somewhat Inregular.

The condition of the growing cotton crop is of great speculative interest at this time, and the general impress'on prevails that it is in an extremely poor condition over the entire Cotton Belt. Mr. J. W. Bauer in his weekly summary declares that this is not universally the case, although the crop as a whole is probably two to three weeks late, and in many localities quite grassy, especially over the Atlantic States, and portions of the Gulf, and Mississippi valley States.

Stands are fair to good, but somewhat irregular, owing to the unusual amount of planting that was necessary insects are not more numerous and destructive than usual, and in Texas the weevil is not less threatening than heretofore At a few points only has the plant begun to fruit. A few weeks of dry and warmer weather in the Atlantic States, and a continuation of the present favorable weather to the westward, would put the growing cotton crop into a very promising condi-

The following short statements indicate how the crop is in the principal

notton raising States: In North Carolina all reports indicate that the past week has been very favorable both for farm work and for growth of crops. Chopping cotton progressed very rapidly, but is not yet finished. Where fields have been cleaned the crop shows good stand and better color, but large areas are all very grassy, and some fields have been sbandoned or will be plowed up for corn. Cotton seems to be almost the smallest for the season on record.

In South Carolina cotton is unusually small, lacks cultivation and is somewhat lousy in places, while grassy fields are the rule. In the eastern and southeastern sections its growth is at a standstill, and the plants are turning red or yellow, showing an unhealthy condition, but over the remainder of he State it is growing and improving slowly, and has a healthy color. Seasland looks better but blight is still

In Georgia the weekly reports continue to be general, of a discouraging character. Crops have suffered from excessive rains in nearly all counties; and are much in need of cultivation. The condition of cotton is on the whole poor, and numerous correspondents consider the outlook gloomy.

In Alabama cotton has nearly all been chopped; and, while the general condition of this staple has improved very slightly, it is becoming quite grassy in many fields, and continued dry weather is needed for its proper cultivation insects continue damagng in a few localities, and some is dying from effects of previous cold; cotton is just beginning to form Equares in southern and middle counties. In Mississippi over a greater portion of the State farm work has been con-

siderably delayed on account of the wet condition of the soil. Crops on lowlands have been damaged by over-flow and lack of cultivation, while on uplands all crops are generally grow ng rapidly and are in a fair state of cultivation. Cotton is from two to three weeks late, and in some counties has been materially injured as a result of the cool weather during the last decade in May; chopping out has not been completed in many northern

counties. In Louisiana reports concerning the improvement in crop conditions and prospects are almost universally favor able and in some cases onthusiastically encouraging. The condition of the coton crop in the State, as a whole, has greatly improved Hail injured it in ocalities in the central and northern parishes; so hadly, in fact that some fields have been plowed up and replanted, or abandoned, but the acreage thus destroyed is not large. In some of the northern parishes, too, the crop s becoming foul with grass, because the ground is too wet to work. But, as stated above, the conditions and prospects generally have improved ma-

terially. Cetton in Bienville parish is reported to be forming squares rapidly. In Tennessee the past week was characterized by higher and more seasonable temperature and timely showers-conditions very favorable to the growth of crops. Cotton made good progress during the week, and though the plants are small and stand poor in many localities, the tone of reports is much more encouraging than for several weeks. There are quite a number of complaints of cut-worms.

In Arkansas fairly well distributed rainfall and decidedly warmer weather have improved crop conditions to a greater extent. Cotton is from 10 to 20 days late, the stands are poor to out the worst boys at our Macual Labor fair but rapid growth was made during the week.

In Texas the past week has been the most favorable one of the season for the growth and development of crops. Sufficient rainfall has occurred in most sections for the immediate needs of crops, and the temperature, especially during the latter portion of the week, has been conducive to rapid growth. In some localities the growth of cotton was somewhat retarded by the cold nights during the first few days of the week, but the crop generally has made good progress. The crop is fruiting over the south portion. The boll weevil s becoming less numerous, but still

loing considerable damage. In Oklahoma fair weather with warm days and moderately cool nights, caused slightly drouthy conditions until the th and 8th, when general rains reliev ed and helped the crops. Farm work progressed rapidly underfavorable conditions, except over the Chickasaw Nation and Greer county, where the ground was too wet to cultivate.

True Bills Found

A dispatch from Anderson says the grand jury returned true bills against J. S. Fowler in four cases for conspiracy, false imprisonment and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature. True bills were returned against W. O. Hammond in four cases, on the same charges, and against Willis McGoe, George Thomas, James Cook, Mike Robius, James Martin and W. M. Bailey, one case each. The grand jury has not completed its work.

A local weather prophet says there will be no drought this summer. We

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A NEGRO SAGE

Who is Willing to Bet His Ox on Ban Tillman

AGAINST ALL COMERS

Except Rev. Sam Jones, Who He Says Ran the "Debbie" Out of the City of

To the Editor of The News and Courier: Negro politicians, once so the firemen claiming that the horses on plentiful, are becoming aree in this the engine became excited at the howpart of the State, as I suppose they are ling crowd and dashed forward, scatterin all other parts of the State. Now and then, however, you stumble on one erately drove his engine into the crowd and the boys were traced to the quarry. of the "has beens" and, strange as it of students. Bigelow was caught under may be, most of them admire Ben Tillman. Why this is the case it would be hard to say, unless it be as one has said, 'So much ob de big buckra ne'r like um ton yare gone.'

Old Scipio Gadsden came up to the 'willage'' a few days since to make some small purchases from one of the two stores which old Gillisonville now boasts. Scipio is getting old, but is a great

fiddler and politician, and never fails to listen attentively to the reading of a newspaper—himself not knowing B from the proverbial bull's foot. An old "brudder" first espied Scipio oming around "Morrison's corner," iding on a forlorn looking ox, whose orns were the thriftiest part to look upon of his weather-beaten anatomy. Behind Scipio's ancient remainder of saddle, and across Jerry's emaciated back, fluttered a half dozen chickens,

about half grown, which were to be The merchant, knowing Scipio's interest in things political read a portion but by the prompt action of the officers of the Tillman-McLaurin-McSweeney of the law they were frustrated. On embroglio and asked him if he had heard it and what he thought of it.

"Yes, sir," said Scipio; "I binner rry Mr Petterman read bout dem to "I binner Coosyhatchie,' en one wite man binner git off de cahr da da, en e bin stand round wid segah enn a mout wen Mr. say: McSwinny beat McLauris mebby, but e ent best Tillman.' Don Mr.

I tell yunner all wuh it is.
"I tink say wudder Mr. Rrowel say, de Gawd's trute: e ent no man wid two Toledo, O legs der beat Mr. Tillmaa wid e one eye; e ent no nouse talk 'bout beat Mr. Ben Tillman, 'cause ebble body dun try en e ent no man kin beat um "Scipio, you seem, to be stuck on A dispatch from Sumter to The Tillman. Why is it you do not like State says Frank H. Winn was shot MeLaurin and McSweeney?"

ner say I ner like Mr. McLaurin en tives of this city. Charles Smith, who Mr. McSweeney. I ent know Mr. McLaurin en I nubber sheum, but I der
yerry e berry nice man. I der jiss talk leading up to the shooting are as fol politic. I ner tink all two boat dun lows: Winn sued Edwards in the kin beat Mr. Ben Tillman-dadder magistrate court Friday for an old debt wuh I tink, en I bet dat ole Jerry Ox of \$8.30 which he claimed was due him on wuh I der say.'

against him next year?" Well, I ent know rightly, sir. Mr. en e leg short, en ent no foot hit de groun,' En Mr. McLaurin stan' pun one side en Mr. Tillman stan' pun He May Change. tarrer side. En e hab watch boat dem fur keep dem juckin rail out e fence. But I tink say e binner watch Mr. Till man de moest ob de time. E know Mr. l'illman bin de bell ram, en e hab pitchork on e head for horn, en wen de debore en leh dem but till e butt nuff. Fillman. Scep'n e bin Mr. Sam Jones,

tink say e binner keep e best pitchfork een Savannah. So Scipio, you would not bet on Tillman if Sam Jones was a Carolinian and was to run against him?

"Ha! Ha! Ha! No, sirr ru, I ner bet gainst no man kin run de debble een Savannah, no sir ru.' Well, then, in that case would you oet on Sam Jones?'

"I ent know rightly bout dat, sir. ner tink, no, sir. I ner bet on one, ner tarrer. I per bet none tall." "Then you are willing to bet on Tillman against all comers, except Sam

Jones?

"Dadder him! Dadder him! En you

best snybody scep'n Mr. Sam Jones.' Gillisonville, Hampton County, June

A Student Killed.

H. S. Bigelow, of Buffalo, N. Y., a freshman at Harvard, was instantly killed by a chemical engine of the the Harvard professors. An alarm was sent in, but before the firemen re-sponded Prof Hollis and the students had put out the fire. The alarm caused the under graduates to assemble and as the fireman came there was much jeering. The chemical engine was very late and the crowd hooted the men. The accident is described differently, ing the crowd. The students claim by two dogs. When the dogs returned that the driver, Johb Dowdis, delib. without the boys a search was made the wheels and other students were has lain unworked for a long time. knocked down, but only one had an injury to speak of. As soon as the stu- and it was a favorite swimming place dents realized what had happened they for the boys in that locality. make a wild demonstration. But cool heads maintained control and the fire men were allowed to return to their Saw Mills,

Five Murderers Hanged. Five bodies dangling upon the same gallows, five souls launched into eternity at the same moment, market the

triumph of the majesty of the law and the end of what is believed to have been an organized gang of murders, at Sylvania, Ga., Friday. The victims of the legal tragedy were Arnold Augustus, Andrew Davis, Richard Sanders, William Hudson and Sam Baldwin, all negroes. The victims of their crime were Constable Mears and Fillmore Herrington, whom they ambushed and shot to death, and Capt. Wade, whom they se-riously wounded in the shooting that "current money" with the merchant in killed the two first men nearly a year payment for his small purchases. were made to lynch the murderers, one of these occasions the governor found it necessary to order out three

companies of the State militia. \$100 Reward. \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least Peterman der read 'bout dem, en e say: one dreaded disease that science has McLaurin sho beat Tillman, e say. En been able to cure in all its stages and Tillman ner gwine bin een de race, e that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is say. En den Mr Rowel speak up en e the only positive cure now known to say, e say; 'De debble ner beat Tillman, the medical fraternity. Catarrh being muss less McLaurin.' But I ner say a constitutional disease, requires a connuttin; none tall. I der yerry wuh all stitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh men say, Ea Mr Pererman ax dem Cure is taken internally, acting directhow bout McSwiny, on de wite man ly upon the blood and mucous surfaces pull e segahr out e mout en blow de of the system, thereby destroying the smoake en swell up like, en e say, e say: foundations of the disease, and giving Corliss, write me: Atlas, McSwinny beat Fillman, e say. Den the patient strength by building up the Watertown, and Struthers Mr Rowell speak up gin en e say, e constitution and assisting nature in do ing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that Peter man read some more en e ax me they offer one Hundred Dollars for any wuh I der tink? En now you ax me, en case that it fails to cure. Send for list

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and killed Friday afternoon by Edward "No, sir, I ner struck on dem. en I Edwards, both young men being na-Edwards denied the account. Winn "Well, Scipio, do you think McSwee- won the case. The two men met Friney will beat McLaurin if he runs day afternoon in front of Harby's livery stable and after the interchange of few words Winn struck Elwards in the McSwinny bin try bill e fence berry face. Both drew pistols and fired sevigh, but e bill wid McLaurin rail en e eral times with the results above stated. ill wid Tillman rail, en e ent lay well Winn was struck twice, one ball crushtogedder. All two boat dem. En e ing the skull, the other entering his haff climb pun top demenstraddle dem body near the heart. Edwards was fur mek dem lay still, but e small man not hit. The affair has created con-

The Columbia State says "after all, it may be a mistake to take President McKinley's declination of a third term seriously. The Teller resolution recognizing the fact that the people of Cubi ble git con do, c ent no doin' nuttin' and independent,' and pledging the wid dem, none tall. Jiss haff let dem United States to withdrawits for jes from 'were, and of right ought to be, free the island as soon as its pacification Lawd! e ent nobody kin beat Mr. Ben should be accomplished was quite as explicit and comprehensive in its terms yerry say e bin run de debble round as President McKinley's declaration Savannah, en ef e bin trute, mebby so, that he will not be a candidate for re-him kin stan' fore Mr. Tillman, cause election—but Mr. McKinley found a him kin stan' fore Mr. Tillman, cause election—but Mr. McKinley found a Savannah der bin de debble home, en I way to "get around" that. We would not wager two cents on the virtue of President McKinley, advised and controlled as he is, where personal and party interests are involved.

Many Killed.

An explosion in a cartridge factory situated in the suburb of Les Moulineaux France has resulted in the loss of 15 lives and the injuring of about 20 persons. The victims were horribly mutilated. A majority of those injured were women.

William J. Samford, Governor o Alabama, died Wednesday night at infection not long ago; but that don't and that the farmers will make big kin tell anybody Scipio Gadsden ready for some time. Disease of the heart Address, matter very much, for if those boys do crops.

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Grand Lodge Rescinds. The grand ledge of Masons of the State of Washington have rescinded the resolution adopted two years ago recognizing negro Masoury. The ac-

verely criticised all over the United States and as a result the next session Cambridge fire department. A fire was for the grand lodge attempted to return found among a pile of boards near the Harvard agricultural building by one of the resolution was so artfully drawn the Harvard agricultural building by one of that sister lodges refused to construe it as an honest expression. The lodge has now in unmistakable language made its position known.

Three Boys Drowned.

Arthur Backman, 19 years old; Arthur Kalbflesh, 13, and Edward Sheets, 13, were taken dead from a water hole in Leonard's stone quarry near Baltimore, Friday. The three boys left home Thursday accompanied Leonard's quarry is an old one which

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